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QUALITY OF WATER IN NAINITAL LAKE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scientists have warned that water in Nainital lake is becoming unsafe for human consumption since it contains the quantity of copper, cromium, Nickel and lead beyond the prescribed level; and

(b) If so, the measures being taken by the Government to bring down the above level and make it suitable for human consumption?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) The water quality of Nainital Lake which is monitored by Central Pollution Control Board indicates contamination of the lake due to the presence of coliform bacteria and organic matter. According to the monitoring report of Central Pollution Control Board, there is no pollution of the lake on account of heavy metals like Copper, Chromium and Nickel.

(b) Does not arise.